

### **III. REMARKS**

#### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 8-10 are amended, Claim 7 and 17 are cancelled and new claims 18-20 are added. Claims 1-20 are presented for further consideration.

#### **Summary of the Office Action**

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35USC102(b) based on the cited reference Hawkins, et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,200,913. Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35USC102(e) on the basis of the cited reference Goyal et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,751,473. Claim 17 stands rejected under 35USC103(a) based on the reference Goyal in view of the cited reference Fernandez-Marinez, U.S. Patent No. 6,408,072. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35USC112, second paragraph is fully satisfied by the above amendments. In addition, the rejection of claim 17 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 17.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the novel features of the invention for which protection is sought in this application. These amendments are submitted after final rejection in order to place the claims in condition for allowance or in the alternative to place the claims in better condition for appeal. The Examiner is requested to exercise his discretion and enter these amendments.

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### **Discussion of the Cited Reference**

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of the first and second parts being connected with first and second pairs of connecting elements and the first pair of connecting element being on a first side of the first part and the second part and the second pair of connecting element being on a second side of the first part and the second part.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as anticipated by the disclosure of the cited reference Hawkins. Hawkins discloses a laptop computer that is operable as a standard laptop and in a write pad style depending on the position of the relative positions of a display panel and main housing. The display panel is connected to the housing by a link 40 attached at either side of the display panel and a hinge plate 41. Such a configuration operates differently than the connector element arrangement as described in claim 1, namely, the feature of the first and second parts being connected with first and second pairs of connecting elements and the first pair of connecting element being on a first side of the first part and the second part and the second pair of connecting element being on a second side of the first part and the second part. Accordingly the disclosure of the reference Hawkins does not support the rejection of claim 1, based on anticipation.

The Examiner also relies on the reference Goyal to support the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims, based on anticipation. Goyal discloses a terminal in which a camera and video display console 2 and 3 are connected to a base console 4 by means of telescopic linkages 16A and 16B. The telescopic

linkages are connected to an end of the camera and video display console 2, 3 and an end of the base console 4.

GOYAL does not disclose a terminal having first and second parts being connected with first and second pair of connecting elements, the first pair of connecting elements being on a first side of the first part and the second part and the second pair of connecting element being on a second side of the first part and the second part.

GOYAL does not contain any disclosure or suggestion that there should be a first pair of connecting elements on a first side of the first part and the second part and a second pair of connecting elements on a second side of the first part and the second part. In fact, rather than providing any such teaching, GOYAL actually teaches against such an arrangement. The terminal of GOYAL is provided in all of its major embodiments with a telescoping arrangement between a camera/display part and a base part. Figure 9 is an exception but this Figure contains no teaching relevant to the present invention and will not be considered further. The purpose of the telescoping arrangement can be seen in Figure 10. The description of Figure 10 states (column 7, lines 56 to 62):

"As illustrated in FIG. 10, when the user operates the communication terminal 1 of FIG. 9, his head would be partially encircled by the consoles 2, 3, 4. In this orientation, the video display 7 would be place into the line of sight 43 of the user, the speaker 9 would be adjacent to the user's ear 44, and the microphone 8 would be in front of the user's mouth. It should be noted that the spacing between the video display 7 and the user's eyes can be aligned and adjusted via the linkages 16A, 16B and the hinges 17. Therefore, FIG. 9 illustrates the preferred embodiment of the invention, when the communication terminal 1 is to be operated in the orientation illustrated in FIG. 10."

In order to provide such functionality, GOYAL has provided a telescoping arrangement connected to the ends of the camera/display part and the base part. In this way, the maximum separation of the camera/display part and the base part is obtained with the minimum extension of the telescoping arrangement. Furthermore, by connecting the telescoping arrangement to the ends of the camera/display part and the base part, the telescoping arrangement may be stowed in the body of the camera/display part and the base part. This is important in the device of Goyal, because it would be awkward to expose the telescoping arrangement, when the terminal is in a compact configuration. In addition, if exposed, wear and tear on the complex telescoping linkage would be self defeating. Also the terminal is more aesthetically pleasing, if the telescoping arrangement is stowed away.

Further, Applicant submits that claim 1 is inventive over GOYAL because any hypothetical modification of the terminal of GOYAL to provide the features of the invention would result in a telescoping arrangement, that would require further extension of the linkage than that already disclosed in GOYAL with an associated increase in complexity without the benefits of compact stowage. There is no teaching whatsoever in GOYAL that any of the disclosed terminals should be modified to have such disadvantageous characteristics.

Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18 of this application are directed to an assembly of connection elements having the following features:

**"...said first and second parts being connected by first and second pairs of connecting elements,..."**

**... a first pair of connecting elements being on a first side of the first part and the second part and a second pair of connecting elements being on a second side of the first part and the second part."**


Since these features are not present in the devices described in either of the reference Hawkins or Goyal, there can be no infringement of the subject claims by such devices. Therefore the the cited references do not support the rejection based on anticipation with respect to any of the claims under consideration.

With respect to the introduction of new claims 19 and 20, the Examiner's attention is directed to the recitation in these claims of **"...said first and second parts being connected by first and second pairs of connecting elements,...** and in addition the further limitations in claim 19 of **"....the pairs of connecting elements being attached to the first part and the second part in such a way that the first part is constrained by its relative movement to the connecting elements such that it has a greater rotational movement during a later stage of the movement of the first part relative to the second part from the closed configuration to the open configuration."** Claim 20 contains the further limitation, namely, **"respective ones of the pairs of connecting elements being in the form of a first straight portion connected to a second straight portion at an elbow region, the elbow regions serving to engage a surface on the device sits and thus assist in supporting the device in an upright orientation"**. Neither the reference Hawkins nor the reference Goyal described devices having such features. In view of the above, there can be no doubt that new claims 19 and 20 also define patentable subject matter over the cited references.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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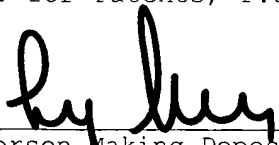
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